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St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., J. M. Ewing Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and the Rev. A. Templeton.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, Silverton, Casamajor Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. F. Thomas, Buckingham Gardens, Perambur.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum.
School Visitation Committee Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Letthall's Gardens Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Nungambakum.

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Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M. Women's Guild meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 4-30 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

Church Notes

Holy Communion.—There was a fair attendance at Holy Communion on the evening of Sunday, October 3rd. The next celebration will take place at morning service on Sunday, November 14th.

A Gift.—Mr. and Mrs. Boys have added another to their many services to St. Andrew's by presenting a pair of beautiful white silk Bible Bookmarks for use on Communion Sundays. The Kirk Session has great pleasure in accepting the kind gift.

Attendances.—There has been a great improvement in the attendances during last month, but they are still a long way from

being satisfactory when you take into account the large number of people who are connected with St. Andrew's Church. This criticism applies in particular to evening service, for the congregations at morning service have been much above the average. We are glad to welcome back to St. Andrew's, Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland.

The Choir.—The work of the Choir during last month has been exceedingly satisfactory and helpful. We could still do with one or two more Sopranos and Contraltos. Are there any young ladies in the congregation who will come forward and help in this very necessary part of our public devotions?

Special Collection.—There will be a special collection on Sunday, November 14th, for the work of the Church of Scotland Mission at Arkonam. Mr. Silver is carrying on a large and useful work in that district and he needs all the financial help he can get. There is a tendency this year—perhaps it is a natural tendency—to forget the objects we have been accustomed to help in normal years. It will be a pity if that tendency has play with regard to Arkonam. So far as one can gather all local needs require not less but more support than ever.

Collecting Books.—Some members of the congregation may not be aware that there are two collecting books always on the round. The one is for the School, the other is for the Dorcas Society. The Dorcas Society provides clothes twice a year for something like thirty adults and fifty children. That cannot be done for nothing, and it woud be a great help to the Chaplain if some of those whose eye may be caught by this paragraph would add their names to the number of a sadly diminished subscription list. The Society can also be helped by members getting their dusters supplied through the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Atkinson. The announcement in the front page of this magazine with regard to the Industrial class in connection with the Free School is worth the reading. The other book is for the Free School. The cost of this school goes up yearly through the ever-increasing Government demands. At present we have about twenty monthly subscribers. One sees no reason why this number should not be doubled.

St. Andrew's Day Service.—In former years there have been special services in Church on one of the Sundays nearest St. Andrew's Day. The service is fixed this year for December 5th. The Rev. E. Monteith Macphail of the Christian College has kindly consented to preach the special sermon for the day.

Lieut. A. Guthrie.—Through the kindness of one of his friends I have been allowed to see letters from Lieut. Guthrie from the Persian Gulf. It is pleasing news to know that he is in good health and is enjoying his hard and arduous work by the banks of the Euphrates.

Christmas List.—As in previous years we are sending out a Christmas List and I hope that it will be going the round soon. It is not a particularly good year for any special lists but the fact is that we have three very special obligations to meet. They are as follows :—

1. In the first place we have been accustomed to give the poor of the congregation a special dinner about New Year time. Some may think that this dinner is a waste of money but any one who has seen the great happiness of these old and frail folks on the occasion of the annual dinner, will be of opinion that it has been cheaply purchased.

2. In the second place there is the Annual Treat to the children of the Sunday and of the Free School. No one would dream of letting that go by the board. The children of the neighbourhood have not too many amusements for them to lose this one.

3. In the third place we have the Free School to provide for. There are over fifty children on the roll with three teachers. The children get a meal every day in the year, and that runs away with a good deal of money. Every year the cost of the School increases, but those who are interested in the School and have seen the progress made by the children during the last two or three years, feel that the School is doing very satisfactorily a very necessary piece of work. To meet these three needs, the response of the congregation will need to be very liberal. It has always been so in past years.

Women's Guild Sale.—As already intimated there will be a sale of work under the auspices of the Women's Guild in the School-room on November 20th at 4-30 P.M. The Hony. President, H. E. Lady Pentland, has kindly

consented to open it. The proceeds will be devoted to the War Depôt Fund, and Local Charities as far as possible. It is hoped that all the members of the congregation will rally round the Guild on the 20th and help to make the Sale the success which the work of the ladies deserves. There are to be one or two attractions but as at present I have not complete details, they will be found in the public announcements later on.

The following is a provisional list of Stall Holders :—

STALL HOLDERS

Fancy Work Stall ...	Mrs. Puddephat, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Turner.
Plain Work ...	Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wilton, The Misses Falconer and Miss Hall.
Baby Work ...	Mrs. Niblock, Mrs. Higginbotham.
Flower, Fruit and Vegetables ...	Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Percy Grant, Mrs. Taylor Mitchell.
Dolls ...	Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Bromhead.
Fancy Odds and Ends ...	Mrs. Hird, Mrs. Meldrum.
Refreshments ...	Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Conran, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Forbes, Miss Stephenson, Miss Bowie.

Free School

The Staff.—The Managers of the School were sorry to receive the resignation of Miss Callaghan who will leave us in January. During the time she has been with us Miss Callaghan has shown herself a very able teacher with a great understanding of, and sympathy with, her pupils and under her guidance the kindergarten class has made much progress. We are glad to be able to say that the vacancy has been filled up by the appointment of Miss Staggs, daughter of the late Capt. Staggs, whose name is well-known in many circles in Madras. Miss Staggs will take duty after the holidays in January.

Anglo-Indian Sports.—The pupils of the School turned out in full force for the Annual Anglo-Indian Association Festival. It was a beautiful afternoon and the children enjoyed themselves greatly. Many of them competed in the different competitions but unfortunately none were successful. I am afraid the sports suffer from lack of proper arrangement. It was ridiculous to see the disparity between the build and the physique of the different competitors in the same events. However there was one part of the programme where our children showed what they could do under more reasonable conditions and that was in the exhibitions of drill given by the boys and the girls. The way they did their work would have been a credit to any school. As a reward and encouragement a prize was given to the School.

Attendances.—During the past month the attendances have not been very good, but there seems to have been a kind of an epidemic of fever and sore eyes among the children.

A Request.—At present Drill costumes are greatly wanted for the girls. Drill costumes add to the comfort and the neatness of the children. Only a dozen are wanted and the cost will be something like Rs. 20. Will any of those who are interested in the school come forward to make the gift?

Visitors.—I am sorry that so few ladies have been visiting the School. With the exception of Mrs. Taylor Mitchell whose interest in and care for the school never fails, there has been no visitor for over a month. The teachers are only too glad to see those who are interested in the work.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1915				RS.	A.	P.
September	5th	Ordinary	...	49	13	0
„	12th	„	...	20	3	3
„	19th	„	...	32	11	3
„	26th	„	...	27	5	0
		Total	...	130	0	6

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Baptism

"Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not."

October 24th, 1915—Robert Moffat, son of John Moffat and Annie Forster.

Marriages

"What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

October 4th, 1915—Cecil Michael Narcis to Gertrude Mary Beck.
„ 13th, 1915—Alexander Henry Antonio to Evelyn Constance Henricus.
„ 22nd, 1915—John Thomas Bonnett to Cecilia Mary Jaynes.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for September, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for August, 1915	76	0	0
„ Seat Rents	115	0	0	„ „ Estabt., for August, 1915	146	0	0
„ Church Collections	139	0	6	„ Clerical allowance	10	0	0
„ Refunds	77	0	0	„ Zinc buckets	4	8	0
				„ M. E. S. Co. Current for August.	11	12	0
				„ Annual Porting bill	35	3	6
				„ F. I. N. Sy. Collection and Grant	75	0	0
				„ Miscellaneous	10	6	6
					368	14	0
				Balance Credit this Account ...	71	2	6
Total ...	440	0	6	Total ...	440	0	6

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for September, 1915

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	100	0	0	To Establishment, August ...	204	0	0
„ Subscriptions	11	0	0	„ Food for September	70	12	0
„ Grant food, clothing, 1915 ...	338	12	8	„ Ink and Song books	1	6	0
				„ Sashes, Carpenter and Dhoby ...	3	7	0
				Balance Credit this Account ...	170	3	8
Total ...	449	12	8	Total ...	449	12	8

NEIL MELDRUM,
Joint Chaplain.

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